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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tadashi ENOMOTO, et al.

Serial No.: 10/076,519

Filed: February 19, 2002

For: METHOD OF FORMING SOOT PREFORM

: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 1687

: Group Art Unit: 1731

: Examiner: J.M. Hoffman

STATUS INQUIRY

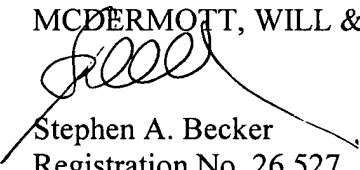
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 19, 2002. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 26, 2002 in the above assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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